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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Superintendent, Fort Berthold Agency

FROM:

Acting Regional Director, Great Plains Region

SUBJECT:

Environmental Assessment Addendum and Finding of No Significant Impact

In compliance with the regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, an Addendum has been completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued. The addendum authorizes land use for pipelines connecting the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 wells to the approved Good Bird #36-25H & Black Hawk #1-12H pipeline system on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

All the necessary requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act have been completed. Attached for your files is a copy of the EA Addendum, FONSI and Notice of Availability. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations require that there be a public notice of availability of the FONSI (40 C.F.R. Section 1506.6(b)) Please post the attached notice of availability at the Agency and Tribal buildings for 30 days.

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Bercier, Regional Environmental Scientist, Division of Environment, Safety and Cultural Resources Management, at (605) 226-7656.

Attachment

cc: Tex Hall, Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes (with attachment)
Elgin Crows Breast, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (with attachment)
Derek Enderud, BLM, Bureau of Land Management (with attachment)
Mike Cook, SWCA (with attachment)
Jonathon Shelman, Corps of Engineers
Jeff Hunt, Fort Berthold Agency

#### Finding of No Significant Impact

#### Arrow Pipeline, L.L.C.

#### Addendum to Environmental Assessment to Authorize Land Use for Pipelines Connecting the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 Wells to the Approved Good Bird #36-25H & Black Hawk #1-12H Pipeline System

#### Fort Berthold Indian Reservation Dunn County, North Dakota

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has received a proposal for an addendum for the construction and installation of three pipelines including one oil pipeline, one gas pipeline, and one produced water pipeline. As proposed, the Arrow-QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 pipeline system (pipelines) would transport oil, NGL, and produced water to markets and approved disposal sites. The pipelines would be located on trust land, entirely within Dunn County on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. Associated federal actions by BIA include determinations of impacts and effects regarding environmental resources for developments on tribal lands.

The potential of the proposed actions to impact the human environment is analyzed in the attached addendum to an existing EA, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Based on the recently completed addendum to the EA, I have determined that the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. No Environmental Impact Statement is required for any portion of the proposed activities.

This determination is based on the following factors:

- 1. Agency and public involvement solicited for the preceding NEPA document was sufficient to ascertain potential environmental concerns associated with the currently proposed project.
- 2. Protective and prudent measures were designed to minimize impacts to air, water, soil, vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, public safety, water resources, and cultural resources. The remaining potential for impacts was disclosed for both the proposed actions and the No Action alternative.
- 3. Guidance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been fully considered regarding wildlife impacts, particularly in regard to threatened or endangered species. This guidance includes the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d, 54 Stat. 250), Executive Order 13186 "Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds", and the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).
- 4. The proposed actions are designed to avoid adverse effects to historic, archaeological, cultural and traditional properties, sites and practices. Compliance with the procedures of the National Historic Preservation Act is complete.
- 5. Environmental justice was fully considered.
- 6. Cumulative effects to the environment are either mitigated or minimal.
- 7. No regulatory requirements have been waived or require compensatory mitigation measures.
- 8. The proposed projects will improve the socio-economic condition of the affected Indian community.

Peting Regional Director

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# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Addendum

**United States Bureau of Indian Affairs** 

**Great Plains Regional Office Aberdeen, South Dakota** 



#### Arrow Pipeline, LLC

Addendum to Environmental Assessment to Authorize Land Use for Pipelines Connecting the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 Wells to the Approved Good Bird #36-25H & Black Hawk #1-12H Pipeline System

Fort Berthold Indian Reservation

April 2012

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#### 1. Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed action is to authorize the land use by Arrow Pipeline, LLC (Arrow) for the construction and installation of three pipelines including one crude oil pipeline, one natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline, and one produced water pipeline. As proposed, the Arrow-QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 pipeline system (pipelines) would transport oil, NGL, and produced water to markets and approved disposal sites. A buried electrical line may be installed within the approved right-of-way (ROW) in the future.

Developments have been proposed on land held in trust by the United States in Dunn County, North Dakota, where the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the surface management agency for potentially affected individual allotments. The economic development of available resources and associated BIA actions are consistent with BIA's general mission. Leasing and development of mineral resources offers substantial economic benefits to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nations and to individual tribal members.

#### 2. Authorities

Oil and gas exploration and development activities are conducted under authority of the Indian Mineral Leasing Act of 1938 (25 United States Code [USC] 396a, et seq.), the Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 USC 2101, et seq.), and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 USC 15801, et seq.).

#### 3. Legal Land Description for Proposed Action

The pipelines would be located on trust land, entirely within the SE¼ SE¼ of Section 36, Township (T) 148 North (N), Range (R) 93 West (W), 5<sup>th</sup> Prime Meridian (P.M.), Dunn County, North Dakota. The pipelines would originate at the west side of the proposed QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 well pad (well pad) and trend north before terminating at the approved Good Bird #36-25H & Black Hawk #1-12H pipeline system (tie-in).

#### 4. Scope of Work for Proposed Action

Oil, NGL, and produced water pipelines would be buried in either two 2.5-foot-wide trenches, spaced 5.0 feet apart, or one 5.0-foot-wide trench. Oil and NGL pipelines would be no greater than 8 inches in diameter and constructed of new steel. The produced water pipeline would also be no greater than 8 inches in diameter and constructed of Fiberspar® or similar corrosion-resistant material. All of the construction disturbances would occur within a 120-foot-wide temporary construction ROW and permanent surface disturbance would occur within a 50-foot-wide ROW between the well pad and the tie-in.

Approximately 1,042 feet of oil, NGL, and produced water pipe would be needed to connect the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 wells to the tie-in. Approximately

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2.87 acres would be disturbed as a result of activities associated with the construction of the proposed pipelines. Pipeline plats are provided in Appendix A.

#### 5. Materials Information and Corrosion Rates

#### **Steel Pipe**

Arrow proposes to construct the oil and NGL pipelines using new steel pipe rated by the American Petroleum Institute (API) as 5L X52. Arrow would ensure that each steel pipe segment is coated with approximately 14 to 16 millimeters of fusion bonded epoxy coating. Further, Arrow would deploy an active cathodic protection system for all steel pipe, which further reduces the likelihood of external corrosion. Arrow would ensure that each steel pipe segment is allotted a 1/16-inch corrosion allowance; however, because of the non-corrosive nature of Bakken crude and the low concentrations of hydrogen sulfide, Arrow does not anticipate any external or internal corrosion during the operating lifetime of the pipe, which, at a minimum, is estimated to be 50 years.

#### Fiberspar® or Similar Pipe

Arrow proposes to construct the produced water gathering pipeline using a material known as Fiberspar or one with the same corrosion-resistant characteristics as Fiberspar. This type of material is not subject to internal or external corrosion.

#### 6. Spill Response Plan

Arrow has developed a Spill Response Plan (Plan) (Middick 2011<sup>1</sup>) for the Phase 3SW pipeline system. The spill preventative measures and monitoring protocols, notification procedures, spill detection and on-scene spill mitigation procedures, response activities, contacts, training and drill procedures, and response plan review and update procedures, as referenced in the Plan, apply to the proposed pipelines. A copy of the Plan has been filed with the BIA and Arrow has legally committed to adhering to the procedures and requirements as defined by federal law (Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 194). Arrow has committed to submitting a spill response plan, specific to this proposed project, to the BIA prior to the commencement of construction activities.

#### 7. Pipeline Marking Procedures

Arrow adheres to the requirements of 49 CFR 192.707 with regard to the marking of buried pipelines. Specifically, Arrow would place pipeline markers within 1,000 feet of one another, at all public road crossings, railroad crossings, creek crossings, fence crossings, and at all points of major direction change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Middick, Andy. 2011. Operations Monitoring and Spill Response Plan. Blackshare Environmental Solutions. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

#### 8. Quality Control/Quality Assurance Measures

Arrow purchases steel pipe that is rated as API 5L X52 and inspects all pipe while at the mill to ensure quality. Arrow is also present to ensure that external epoxy coating is applied to a minimum thickness of 14 millimeters. During construction, all welds are visually inspected for quality and completeness by qualified professionals. Once welds have passed visual inspection, they are subjected to 100 percent Non Destructive Testing. After passing these tests, the weld areas are covered for corrosion protection. After the weld areas have been covered, the external coating of the pipe is inspected using a jeepmeter to detect holes and cracks. The pipe is lowered into the trench and buried. Prior to being put into service, the steel pipe is hydrotested to approximately 1.5 times the minimum design pressure of 1,180 pounds per square inch gauge (psig). The produced water pipe is designed to sustain a minimum pressure of 750 psig and is hydrotested to approximately 900 psig prior to being approved for service.

#### 9. Valve Locations

Two valves would be installed at each end of the proposed pipelines. One valve would be installed at the well location while the second valve would be installed at the proposed tie-in. The installation of two valves would allow Arrow to isolate the proposed gathering pipelines if required.

#### 10. Reclamation

#### **Interim Reclamation**

Reclamation would continue to occur over the life of the pipelines. Initial reclamation would be required after initial construction and then following any maintenance work or additions of infrastructure. Reclamation would be required before final abandonment of the decommissioned pipeline. A successful reclamation would at all times be the responsibility of the system's operator.

Trenches would be back-filled immediately after the pipe is installed and testing is complete, assuming frozen or saturated soils are not present. Back-fill piles would be stored opposite of the topsoil piles during construction. If construction is to occur during winter, Arrow will partially fill the trench with useable, non-frozen, back-fill soil to the extent possible and cover the entire ROW including the trench with straw. The trench would be back-filled and topsoil distributed as soon as practicable after the soil has defrosted. Topsoil piles would be covered to eliminate the potential for rill erosion and subsequent loss of soil during spring snow melt and precipitation events.

Applicable short- and long-term best management practices would be used to minimize and control erosion in disturbed areas. To reduce compaction, the ROW would be plowed before the stockpiled topsoil is distributed.

The disturbed areas would be reclaimed and contoured as soon as possible after construction is complete (fall/spring). The ROW would be covered with stockpiled topsoil and reseeded

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with a seed mixture determined by the BIA. Arrow would control noxious weeds within the ROW and other applicable facilities by approved chemical or mechanical methods. If seeding of the ROW does not occur due to growing season constraints, Arrow will deploy approved weed-free hay across the entire ROW. The presence of hay across the ROW will reduce the potential for excessive erosion as a result of spring snow melt and precipitation.

The entire ROW would be monitored for erosion, subsidence, and noxious weeds. In areas where problems are found to occur, reclamation efforts would continue until the BIA feels the ROW is successfully reclaimed. Reclamation is considered successful when:

- seeded areas are established;
- · adjacent vegetative communities spread back into the disturbed areas; and
- noxious weeds are under control.

If after two growing seasons the new seeding is not successful, the BIA may require additional efforts to establish vegetation. For noxious weeds, a survey was conducted on the ROW prior to the construction commencing. The BIA has developed a weed management plan to treat known or likely to occur noxious weed species.

#### Final Reclamation

Final reclamation would occur when the pipelines are decommissioned. All disturbed areas would be reclaimed, reflecting the BIA's view of oil and gas exploration and production as temporary intrusions on the landscape. All facilities would be removed. It is economically and environmentally unfeasible to excavate and remove the decommissioned pipeline. Instead it would be purged with water of any natural gas remaining in the lines and abandoned in place.

#### 11. Surveys

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) conducted natural resource surveys for threatened and endangered species and habitat, migratory birds and active nests, bald and golden eagles and nests, and wetlands/waterbodies on July 18, 2011. BIA Environmental Specialists Chris McLaughlin and Jeff Desjarlais were present for on-site inspections on July 18, 2011, to ensure that the pipelines are routed to minimize impact to sensitive resources.

No threatened and endangered species or bald/golden eagles or nests were observed during the natural resource survey. Migratory bird habitat is prevalent in the survey area and Arrow has committed to following one of three listed mitigation procedures in order to reduce the potential for impact on migratory birds and their nests: 1) conduct construction outside of the migratory bird breeding season (i.e., between July 16 and January 31); 2) regularly mow vegetation in the ROW prior to February 1 and maintain through July 15; or 3) conduct a field survey for nesting migratory birds within five days of construction commencement.

A cultural resource inventory of this pipeline route was conducted by personnel of SWCA Environmental Consultants, using an intensive pedestrian methodology. Approximately 5.13 acres were inventoried on July 18, 2011 (Leroy 2012). No historic properties were located

that appear to possess the quality of integrity and meet at least one of the criteria (36 CFR 60.6) for inclusion on the National Register. As the lead federal agency, and as provided for in 36 CFR 800.5, on the basis of the information provided, BIA reached a determination of **no historic properties affected** for this undertaking. This determination was communicated to the THPO on March 2, 2012; however the THPO did not respond within the allotted 30 day comment period.

Leroy, Adam

(2012) A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Arrow Pipeline QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 and #3-06-07H-147-92 Gathering Pipeline, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, Dunn County, North Dakota. SWCA Environmental Consultants for Arrow Pipeline, LLC, Tulsa, OK.

#### 12. Potential Effects

Potential direct impacts to cultural resource sites would occur as a result of disturbance and/or the loss of sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. However, SWCA did not record any cultural resources during the Class III survey.

Potential direct impacts to natural resources may include the loss of native vegetation and wildlife habitat, soil disturbance, and erosion during construction that may adversely affect air and water quality. Impacts would be mitigated by using best management practices during construction to minimize disturbance. Once construction activities are completed, reclamation would take place within 6 months and would include the return of topsoil and contouring, and seeding of native vegetation.

Potential indirect impacts include noise and other disturbances to wildlife during construction and the introduction of noxious weeds. Impacts would be mitigated through avoidance of any federally listed threatened or endangered species or wetlands, avoidance of nesting migratory birds, implementing best management practices to control the introduction of noxious weeds, and minimizing the length of time between trenching, pipeline burial, and reclamation. These mitigation measures are consistent with the approved National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document, which received a finding of no significant impact (April 2011).

#### 13. Applicable National Environmental Policy Act Document(s)

Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact: Arrow Pipeline, LLC Phase 2 Southeast Pipeline (April 2011).

Addendum to Environmental Assessment Authorizing Land Use for Gathering Pipelines Connecting the Good Bird #36-25H and Black Hawk #1-12H Wells to the Arrow Phase 2 SE Pipeline (October 2011).

#### 14. National Environmental Policy Act Adequacy Criteria

This document has identified a previously prepared NEPA document, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact: Arrow Pipeline, LLC Phase 2 Southeast

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*Pipeline* (April 2011) which adequately describes the environmental consequences of the newly proposed action described herein, and meets the following NEPA Adequacy Criteria.

- 1. The proposed action is substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in the existing NEPA documents.
- 2. The range of alternatives is reasonable with respect to the current proposed action in the existing NEPA documents, which appropriately consider and analyze current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.
- 3. The existing analysis and conclusions are adequate in the existing NEPA documents. The analysis is still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information.
- 4. The methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA documents continues to be appropriate for the proposed action.
- 5. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA documents.
- 6. The cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed action are unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA documents.
- 7. A 30-day comment period involving public input and interagency review was used in the development of the existing NEPA documents.

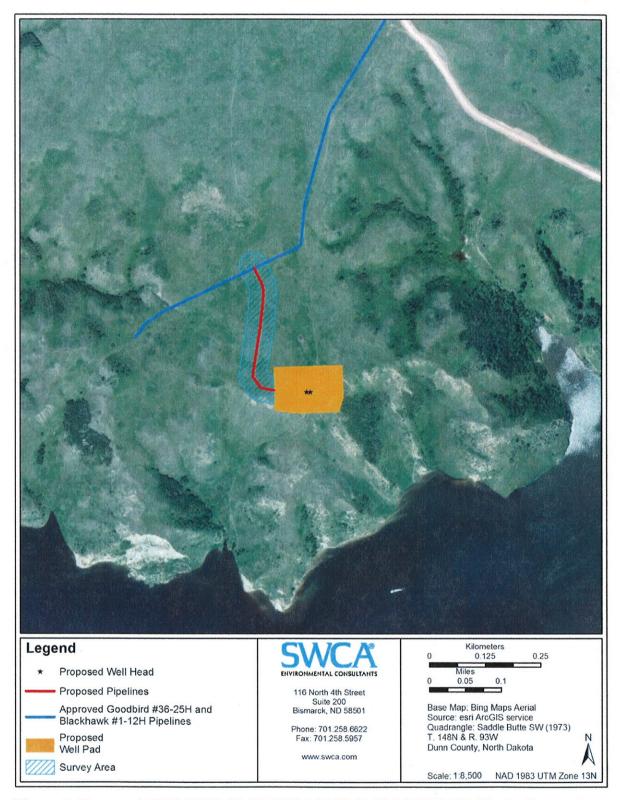


Figure 1. Proposed QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 pipeline system.



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IN REPLY REPER TO: DESCRM MC-208

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Elgin Crows Breast, THPO Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation 404 Frontage Road New Town, North Dakota 58763

Dear Mr. Crows Breast:

We have considered the potential effects on cultural resources of a proposed Arrow gathering line in Dunn County, North Dakota. Approximately 5.13 acres were intensively inventoried using a pedestrian methodology. Potential surface disturbances are not expected to exceed the area depicted in the enclosed report. No historic properties were located that appear to possess the quality of integrity and meet at least one of the criteria (36 CFR 60.4) for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. No properties were located that appear to qualify for protection under the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 USC 1996).

As the surface management agency, and as provided for in 36 CFR 800.5, we have therefore reached a determination of **no historic properties affected** for this undertaking. Catalogued as **BIA Case Number AAO-1890/FB/11**, the proposed undertaking, location, and project dimensions are described in the following report:

Leroy, Adam

(2012) A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Arrow Pipeline QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 and #3-06-07H-147-92 Gathering Pipeline, Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, Dunn County, North Dakota. SWCA Environmental Consultants for Arrow Pipeline, LLC, Tulsa, OK.

If your office concurs with this determination, consultation will be completed under the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations. We will adhere to the Standard Conditions of Compliance.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Carson N. Murdy, Regional Archaeologist, at (605) 226-7656.

Sincerely,

COUNTY Regional Director

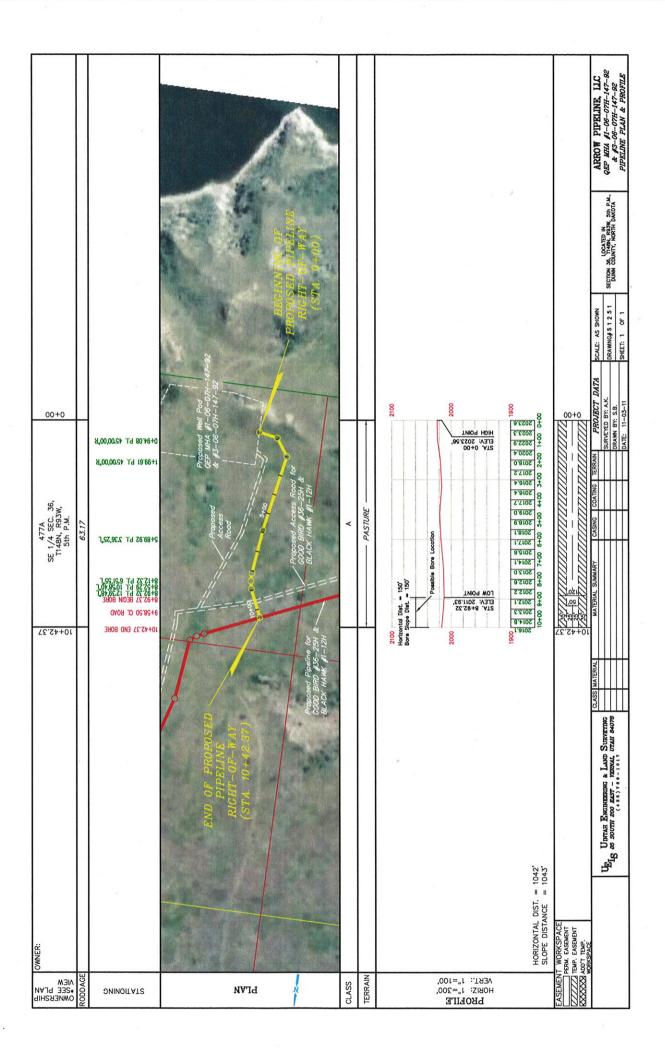
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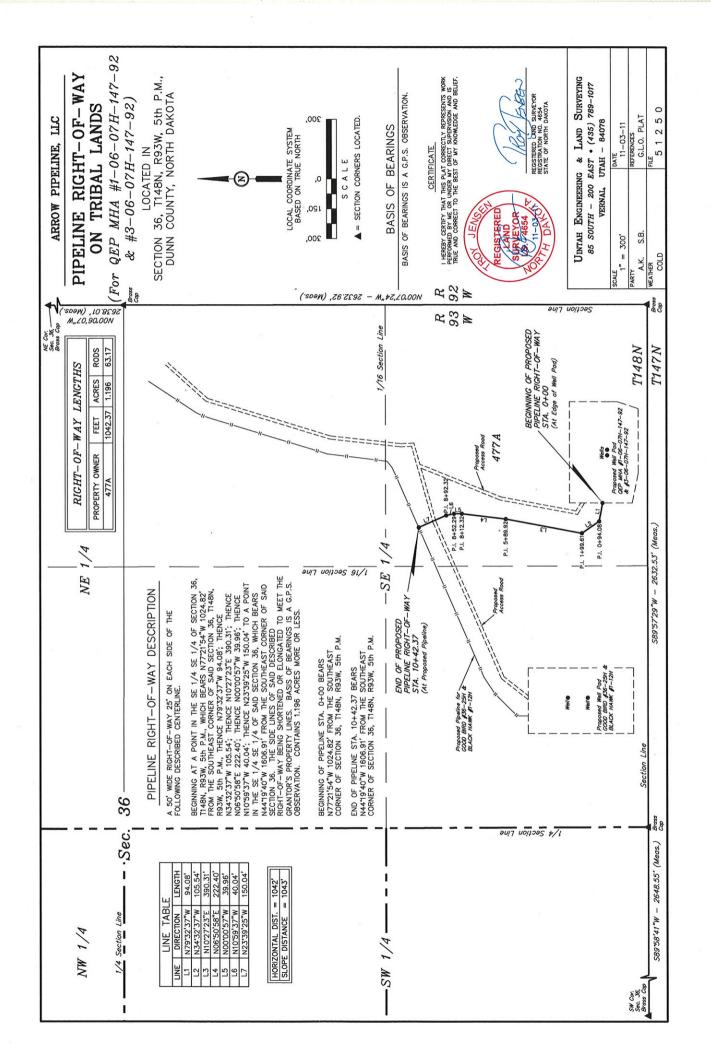
cc: Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes

Superintendent, Fort Berthold Agency

#### APPENDIX A

Pipeline Layout and Pipeline Right-of-Way for the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 Pipeline System





# ARROW PIPELINE, LLC QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY SECTION 36, T148N, R93W, 5th P.M.

#### TOTAL PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON TRIBAL LANDS

TOTAL LENGTH OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IS 1042.37' OR 0.197 MILES. WIDTH OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IS 50' (25' PERPENDICULAR ON EACH SIDE OF THE CENTERLINE). CONTAINS 1.196 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

#### ENGINEER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MONTANA ) SS

TROY JENSEN, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN DEPOSES AND STATES THAT HE IS THE REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, FOR ARROW PIPELINE, LLC, THAT THESE SURVEYS WERE MADE BY HIM (OR UNDER HIS SUPERVISION): THAT HE HAS EXAMINED THE FIELD NOTES OF THE SURVEYS OF THE PIPELINE RIGHT—OF—WAY AS DESCRIBED AND SHOWN ON THIS MAP, THAT THIS MAP WAS PREPARED UNDER HIS DIRECTION FROM SAID FIELD NOTES; AND THAT SAID RIGHT—OF—WAY, 0.197 MILES IN LENGTH BEGINNING AND ENDING AS SHOWN ON THIS MAP IS ACCURATELY REPRESENTED.

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR REGISTRATION NO. 4654 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

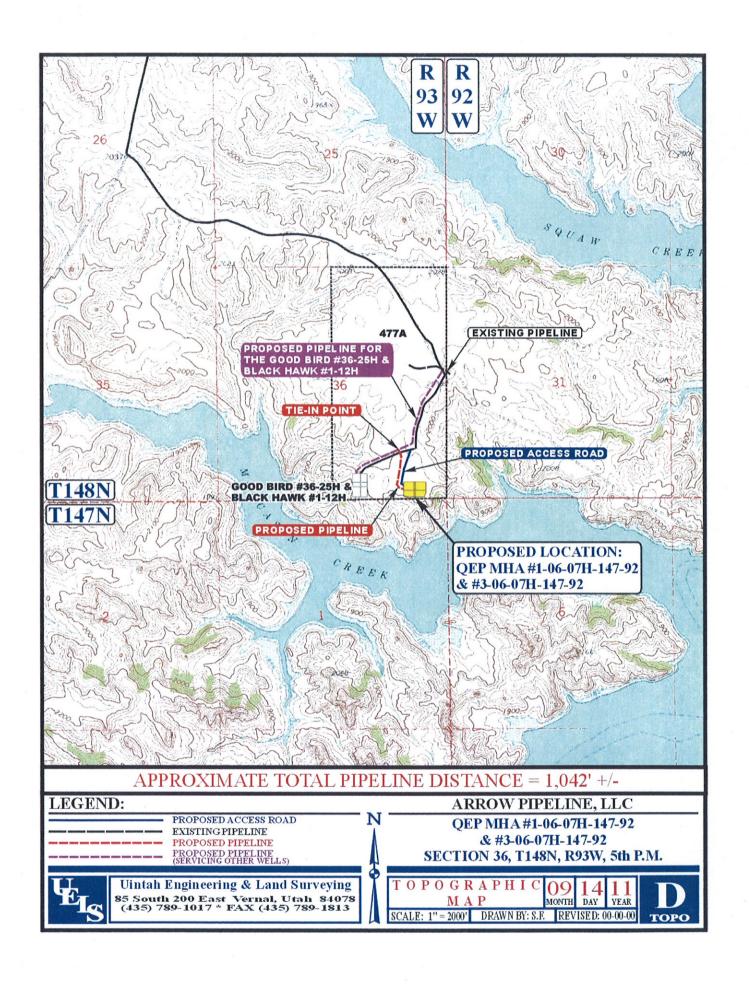
#### APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE

I, JOHN M. DOLAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE V.P. OF ENGINEERING FOR ARROW PIPELINE, LLC, HEREINAFTER DESIGNATED THE APPLICANT; THAT TROY JENSEN WHO SUBSCRIBED TO THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT, IS EMPLOYED BY THE APPLICANT AS A LAND SURVEYOR AND THAT HE WAS DIRECTED BY THE APPLICANT TO SURVEY THE LOCATION OF THIS PIPELINE RIGHT—OF—WAY, 0.197 MILES IN LENGTH BEGINNING AT STA. 0+00 AND ENDING AT STA. 10+42.37, THAT SAID PIPELINE RIGHT—OF—WAY IS ACCURATELY REPRESENTED ON THIS MAP; THAT SUCH SURVEY AS REPRESENTED ON THIS MAP HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE APPLICANT AS THE DEFINITE LOCATION OF THE RIGHT—OF—WAY THEREBY SHOWN; AND THAT THE MAP HAS BEEN PREPARED TO BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR SAID RIGHT—OF—WAY TO BE GRANTED THE APPLICANT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, WITH THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND REPAIR IMPROVEMENTS, THEREON AND THEREOVER, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND WITH THE FURTHER RIGHT IN THE APPLICANT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO TRANSFER THIS RIGHT—OF—WAY BY ASSIGNMENT, GRANT, OR OTHERWISE.

APPLICANT

V.P. OF ENGINEERING

TITLE



## Notice of Availability and Appeal Rights

Arrow Pipeline, L.L.C: Addendum to Environmental Assessment to Authorize Land Use for Pipelines Connecting the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 Wells to the Approved Good Bird #36-25H & Black Hawk #1-12H Pipeline System

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is planning to issue administrative approvals related to an Addendum to Authorize Land Use for Pipelines Connecting the QEP MHA #1-06-07H-147-92 & #3-06-07H-147-92 Wells to the Approved Good Bird #36-25H & Black Hawk #1-12H Pipeline System on the Fort Berthold Reservation as shown on the attached map. Construction by Arrow Pipeline, L.L.C. is expected to begin in 2012.

An environmental assessment (EA) determined that proposed activities will not cause significant impacts to the human environment. An environmental impact statement is not required. Contact Earl Silk, Superintendent at 701-627-4707 for more information and/or copies of the EA and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The FONSI is only a finding on environmental impacts – it is not a decision to proceed with an action and *cannot* be appealed. BIA's decision to proceed with administrative actions *can* be appealed until May 12, 2012, by contacting:

United States Department of the Interior Office of Hearings and Appeals Interior Board of Indian Appeals 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Va 22203.

Procedural details are available from the BIA Fort Berthold Agency at 701-627-4707.

#### Project locations.

